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SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM DJIBOUTIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER

1. (U) Embassy received January 27 the following letter addressed to Condoleeza Rice on her nomination as Secretary of State. Signed original will be pouched to the Desk Officer.

2. Begin text:

Excellency,

It is with great pleasure that I have learned of your nomination to lead the State Department and the confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

On this occasion, I wish to extend to Your Excellency my sincere congratulations and best wishes and reiterate the firm will of the people and Government of the Republic of Djibouti to further reinforce the excellent bilateral relations which happily exist between our two countries.

Please accept, Madame Secretary of State, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Ali Abdi Farah
Minister of Foreign Affairs
End text.